GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009
AUCTION OF 2G SPECTRUM .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the companies which have been allotted 2G Spectrum for telecommunications;

(b) whether the companies fulfilled the guidelines and technical criteria laid down for the purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons for allotting the spectrum alongwith the present market rate assessed so far and the rate of allocation at which this available spectrum was allotted; and

(d) the latest status of the CBI inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the award of Unified Access Service Licence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER, 2009 REGARDING "AUCTION OF 2G SPECTRUM".

(a) The details of the companies which have been allotted 2G spectrum for telecommunications is enclosed as Annexure-I

(b) Yes, Sir. The Initial/start-up spectrum has been allotted to the Unified Access Service Licensees as per the provisions of their Service Licence Agreements subject to availability of spectrum. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted based on the subscriber base criteria evolved from time to time and subject to availability of spectrum in a telecom service area.

(c) The UAS licence is granted at a pan India price of Rs 1658.5701 crores. The UAS licence mandates grant of start-up spectrum, subject to availability. No upfront charges are levied for allotment of spectrum. The Annual spectrum charges are being levied as a percentage of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) from telecom companies. Current spectrum charging rates for the allotment of 2G spectrum is enclosed as Annexure- II.

(d) On allegation of irregularities in the award of UAS Licenses CBI had registered a case on 21.10.2009 and conducted a search on 22.10.2009 in some offices of DOT and has taken custody of certain files relating to policy, issuance of UAS licenses and spectrum.